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Dear Lederberg,

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Thanks for your letter. As Burdette kept nagging me I applied to the local American consul. Before I could even apply for a passport I had to state all organizations which I had joined since my 16th birthday (1908) with dates of joining and leaving them. As I cannot remember all these organizations or dates and object to (a) lying (b) putting myself in reach of U.S. criminal law by making a false statement, this keeps me out. I send you two popularisations which may contain ideas novel to you. S.K.Roy has had terrific success with rice<sup>\*</sup>. Two varieties planted in alternate rows gave 126% the mean yield per acre of the two planted separately, and 119% that of the better one. Dronamraju has either got a gene on the human Y or something even queerer. He will, I hope go to Columbia next year, looking for a Ph.D. He could give the lecture you suggest. By 1962 he should have several papers published

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*(Journ. Genet., in Press)*